Ministry of Rural Development had also a centrally sponsored scheme unde: which assistance used to be given to State Governments/Union Territories in the form of subsidy for construction of rural godowns. This scheme was transferred to State Governments/Union Territories w.e.f. 1-4-1992. The central financial assistance provided under this scheme for setting up of rural godowns is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Financial assistance released	No. of godowns approved	Capacity (in lakh tonnes)
All India	43.80	4825	28.442
Orissa	0.81	137	0.748

Licences issued for sugar mills

1588. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN; Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued for sugar mill$_s$ since the last one year;

(b) the number of sugar mills Statewise fo$_r$ which licences wide issued:

(c) how many of them are in public sector, privine sector or joint sector separately; and

(d) by when the delicensing process of sugar mills will commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE - MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATE, RAI); (a) to (c) No letter of intent has been issued for setting up of new sugar mills in the country during the last sugar year 1992-93 (October-September). However, 74 letters of intent have been issued during the current 1993-94 sugar year till 30.6.1994. A statement showing th$_e$ State-wise and Sector-wise number of letters of intent issued is enclosed (se$_c$ below).

(d) The present licensing policy of * sugar mills, including the option Of delicensing, is under examination.

Statement

State-wise and Sector-wise details of 74 *letters of intent issued during* 1993-94 *Sugar Season.*

(As on 30-6-1994)

Sl. No	State	No. of Letters of Intent issued			
		Public	Private	Cooperative	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Haryana	1	2	1	4
2.	Uttar Pradesh	..	24	1	25
3.	Madhya Pradesh	..	2	..	2
4.	Gujarat	..	..	2	2
5.	Mahar shtra	..	..	17	17

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Bihar	..	1	..	1
7	Orissa	1	..	..	1
8	Andhra Pradesh	..	15	..	15
9	Karnataka	..	..	4	5
10	Tamil Nadu	..	2	..	..
	TOTAL	2	47	25	74

Shortage of sugar supply

1589. SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Wil! the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the shortage of sugar supply due io fall m its production;

(b) the steps that led to import of sugar and how OHd when the decision was taken to import sugar.

(c) what was the international prices of sugar when the shortage in sugar supply was first estimated; and

(d) at what rate sugar has been pur chased in the international market and sold in India to wholesalers and to con sumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and ic) L)u$_e$ to decrease in sugar pioduction during 1992-93 season and the current season, it was anticipated that there would be shortfall in the availability of sugar. To contain the pTi-ces of sugar and ensure adequate availa-biliy during the remaining part of current season and early part of next season, it was decided to allow import of sugar under Open General Licence (OGL) and a statement to this effect was made in Parliament on 15-3-1994. The average London Daily Price of sugar in March, 1994 was $ 340.38 f.o.b.

(d) The import of sugar has been placed under Open General Licence. As such the rates at which sugar has been coniracted/purchased by various private importers under this facility are not available with Government Th© private jjjwr-" porters are themselves arranging sales of the sugar brought into Indjprf by tnem at rates determined by *Tf* market forces/de-mand and supply an 'J rJie Government lias no role to piny «'$^{n\ (nese\ sa,}$es.

Th$_c$ average O^{IF}. rate at which State Trading Coi ^{pon,lion}/MineraIs and Metals Trading {Corporation Limited have contracted for. import of sugar was about US $ 387 pe$^{r\ Metrlc}$ Tonne. This sugar wil] be sold $^{thrt>u}$B^{h} the Public Distribution System *o consumers at Rs. 9.05 per Kg.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बन्द पड़ी चीनी मिलें

1590. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय उत्तर प्रदेश में कौन कौन सी चीनी मिलें बन्द पड़ी है,

(ख) उन्हें फिर से चालू करने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं :